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STRABOLGI STARTLES LORDS

WESTMINSTER, Nov. 5.

The House of Lords was startled yesterday by an attempt by a Peer on his own initiative to introduce a Bill to apply the Statute of Westminster to India. The Peer was Lord Strabolgi, who sought leave to introduce the Bill and formally move that it should be read the first time.

Viscount Cranborne, Dominions Secretary, on behalf of the Government opposed first reading. He said it was unusual to oppose the first reading of the Bill, but if there were any act which it was peculiarly unsuitable for a Peer individually to seek to introduce, it was one which would affect such a Statute as the Statute of Westminster. The Bill to affect that Statute could only be introduced after consultation with the Dominions and could best be done by the Government. Lord Strabolgi could scarcely have had the necessary consultation with the Dominions. To seek to amend the Statute of Westminster without such consultation would be similar to one of a group of partners trying to bring in another partner on his own without consultation with his partners.

"I cannot conceive how Lord Strabolgi should have chosen this eccentric method of ventilating this subject", said Viscount Cranborne. "I feel certain the House would not wish to let this measure go any farther."

Lord Strabolgi said that though he had had no intimation of Lord Cranborne's action until just before the House met, it was not unexpected for he had anticipated something of the kind. He had indicated through the usual channels that he did not intend to pursue the Bill beyond the first reading stage until it had been discussed, but he had hoped to have the first reading and the Bill printed and circulated so that it could be discussed. He was taking this action on his own initiative and not on behalf of his Party (Labour Party).

India could be called a Dominion to-morrow and no change need be made in the Powers of the Viceroy. His Bill was not intended to affect the internal situation in India at all, but in many important respect India was to-day treated as a Dominion. It was the policy of the Government, declared again and again, to confer Dominion Status on India. But if Government thought this was not the right moment or that it should not be done by a private member of the House "I bow at once."

Lord Strabolgi hoped that the Government themselves would put the necessary machinery in motion to remove the grievances in India and to improve the atmosphere in India, and added that in view of Viscount Cranborne's statement he would not proceed with his motion.

The Lord Chancellor put the motion that the Bill be read the first time and it was negatived without division by a chorus of "not content" from Government benches.—Reuter.

LATE NEWS

LONDON, Nov. 5: Venafro has been evacuated by the German troops, said the German News Agency tonight. Latest reports from Allied Headquarters, North Africa, had said Venafro was seriously threatened after Allied capture of Valdecupa four miles to the west. Venafro is the last remaining bastion of the former German line after the fall of Isernia.—Reuter.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5: President Roosevelt announced today at his Press Conference that British, American and Chinese Military leaders have completed a strategy meeting at Chungking. The President said complete agreement has been reached in the method of handling the continental campaign in the Far East. Those taking part in the Conference included Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek, Generals Stilwell Chennault and Sumervell and Lord Louis Mountbatten. He said the Conference meant "bad news" for the Japanese. —Reuter.

WASHINGTON:—According to diplomatic sources here, Russia and Czechoslovakia have completed negotiations for a twenty year defensive alliance against Germany and President Benes will go to Moscow to sign the Treaty. The alliance has been under discussion for more than a year and carries with it a provision for later adherence of other countries bordering on Russia or Czechoslovakia.—Reuter.

Reuter's Special Correspondent in Allied Headquarters, North Africa, writes: German troops are putting up new defences on the north bank of the Garigliano River. Strong machine gun duels are being fought across muddy waters with advanced units of the Fifth Army.

Military sources do not expect any sweeping advance to follow the collapse of the Germans' Massico line. The ground is still essentially in favour of the Germans.—Reuter

SFORZA'S OFFER TO BADOGLIO

Willing To Serve In Cabinet On Condition King And Crown Prince Abdicate

NAPLES, Nov. 5.

Propped in bed here at his villa where he is confined with fever, Count Sforza told Reuter's special correspondent to-day that he had assured Marshal Badoglio that he would serve in his Cabinet on condition that the King and Crown Prince Umberto abdicated in favour of a Regency. He would not place any obstacle in the Marshal's way in regard to the forming of a Cabinet.

"I consider much of the blame for the wrecking of Italy as attributable to the King and the Crown Prince who, little more than two months ago, were exhorting the Italians to fight against the Allies", said Count Sforza.

Count Sforza gave the correspondent the understanding that so long as the King remained, no first rate Italian politicians would accept office in Marshal Badoglio's Government, but all politicians he knew would serve under Marshal Badoglio either as Regent or Minister.—Reuter.

Road To Rome Being Rapidly Opened Up

LONDON, Nov. 5.

Reuter's special correspondent with the Fifth Army says the Road to Rome is being rapidly opened up. British mobile forces are to-night within sight of Gaeta. They are 70 miles south-east of Rome.

The Algiers (United Nations) radio states that the Allies have captured Sansalvo and Carpinonne on the Adriatic coast after bombardment of San Salvo by British destroyers.

The German 'communique' reports: "On the southern Italian front violent battles have started with several allied divisions which launched attack on both sides of the Volturno.

Fifth Army Pushes North

Reuter's Special Correspondent at Allied Headquarters in North Africa cables:—

General Alexander's armies having smashed the German defence line in the centre and east are today pushing north into more of Italy's chain of heights. With the Eighth Army's capture of Isernia, the central pivot of the German line across Italy, to seal the week's victories the Allies are well placed for the next lap of the 90-mile drive on Rome. Robbed of the prize position of the whole of their intended defence line on which they had expended immense labour, Germans are running into urgent danger both east and west of the town. They face attack along the whole 20-mile central stretch of the front.

GERMAN DEMOLITIONS

Reuter's Special Correspondent with the Fifth Army wires:—

The Germans are carrying out demolitions on bridges and roads along the coastal roads every 200 or 300 yards. Their efficiency in that destructive task seems to be increasing, but British troops usually manage to find alternative routes to their objectives. Demolitions in the German lines have been seen and heard throughout today. One huge explosion was thought to be an ammunition dump being blown up by the Germans. One battalion of a well-known British Regiment fought a series of minor battles lasting six days to gain possession of the southern end of two-mile long railway tunnel running through the heart of Mount Massico north from Mondragone.

Syros Harbour Bombed

CAIRO, Nov. 4: A Middle East Air Communique states: "Bombers of the R.A.F. attacked warehouses and shipping at Syros harbour during the night of November 2nd/3rd. Other aircraft bombed the airfield at Heraklion, in Crete.

During the night of November 3rd/4th the airfield at Antimachia in Cos was bombed, explosions in the landing and aircraft dispersal areas being seen.

Syros harbour was again bombed and a fire started. From these and other operations none of our aircraft is missing."—Reuter.

44 Politicals Transferred From Worli To Yeravda

BOMBAY, Friday.

Forty-four political prisoners including Mr. Sheelabhadra Yagi, an M.L.A. from Bihar and Mr. Mahashabde of the Editorial Staff of the "Navakal" of Bombay were transferred today from Worli jail to Yeravda.

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M. P.'s DEMAND INQUIRY INTO FOOD BUNGLE

Cove Urges Jail Delivery To Ease Indian Situation: Schuster's Indictment Of Amery And India Government

LONDON, Nov. 4.

"I have a quotation from Mr. Amery in January this year, in which he said there was no fear of any famine of any kind whatever, that everything was all right as far as India was concerned, and that there was no cause for a great alarm of any kind. Was any information of that kind conveyed to him, and if it was, what action did the Government here taken?" asked Mr. Cove (Labour) intervening into Mr. Amery's speech during the debates on the food situation in India in the House of Commons.

Mr. Amery replied: "I was naturally in constant touch with the Government of India over the situation", and while the Government of India had its anxieties the measures it had taken were in their hope—sufficient to meet the needs of the situation.

If members will look at the notes in section five of the White Paper on the position of other areas than Bengal, they will realise the extent to which that menace was averted or brought within narrow limits. For that credit is duly given in the notes to the administrative action taken by the Provinces and States concerned.

Mr. Amery paid glowing tributes amidst cheers to Lord Linlithgow for strenuous work.

Mr. Cove (Labour): Why did he not do what Lord Wavell has done?

Mr. Amery replied: "That is not an altogether reasonable question to ask."

Lord Wavell has already set up a Central Relief Fund from which to supplement the various local relief funds in Bengal and elsewhere and the High Commissioner for India here, in conjunction with the Lord Mayor and myself, has appealed for contributions to Lord Wavell's Fund to be sent to him at the India House.

These problems will continue to confront India whatever the future form of her Government.

The realisation of that cannot affect in any way the desire of this House or the people of this country to see India advance as rapidly as possible to the full control of her own destinies as an equal partner in the British Commonwealth and an equal member of a society of free nations.

Nor can it in any way impair the pledges we have given. But it does emphasise one aspect of these pledges, namely, the immense importance to India's future of a system of Governments based on agreement and co-operation between all its parts and elements.

Only on that foundation can India live secure from external danger and from internal economic breakdown and attain to the greatness and prosperity to which her natural resources and the gifts of her people justly entitle her" (Cheers).

HORE BELISHA GOES FOR CHARKA

Mr. Hore Belisha (Independent) who followed Mr. Amery said it was fitting that the House of Commons should be profoundly disturbed by these occurrences. "The sufferings of Bengal excite the sympathy of All-India's friends and the calumnies of Britain's enemies; we should be therefore particularly solicitous to understand the circumstances.

The initial act of Lord Wavell, characteristic of the man, inaugurates a great viceroyalty which will be animated by human understanding. Mr. Amery has referred to the increase in the Indian population.

But the conditions of agriculture are primitive. When Mr. Amery was describing them, somebody in the Labour benches interrupted to say "why have we not improved them" but added Mr. Hore Belisha, you are dealing here with a country in which handloom is held up as a national idol (cries of 'by whom').

Mr. Hore Belisha: by Mr. Gandhi. (cries of not by the Indian people).

Mr. Hore Belisha continuing said, there are in fact twelve million wooden ploughs in the country and the harvest is reaped with sickle, the grain is separated by oxen, trodden down or beaten out by hand and wind is the winnowing fan."

Mr. Silverman (Labour): Is Mr. Hore Belisha seriously suggesting that mechanical industrialisation of India, if it ever comes, would be accompanied by a fall in the population? The industrialisation of Britain led to rapid increase in population, and so it has been everywhere.

Mr. Hore Belisha: I was not dealing with that aspect of the matter at all. If we wish the world to understand the situation we ought to do ourselves the justice of explaining it to the world. These conditions reflect themselves in fertility figures.

I am not suggesting that everything possible has been done to ameliorate the situation, but the facts explain it. When you add the impact of war to a nervous people, influx of refugees, and, if you wish, inflation and a general disorganisation of conducting military operations, you have more than enough to explain these matters. What should be realised is that before the war, we had mitigated, if not eliminated, famine from India.

After quoting figures showing the numbers of dams built to save monsoon rains and river improvements to prevent flooding etc. Mr. Hore Belisha added "these are the achievements of British rule which must be borne in mind. I do not accept that it is impossible to do more in respect of shipping and I am going to urge Mr. Amery to regard this need as having certain priority, because these people are starving."

Measures intended to produce victory which will bring relief to us all, in some respects, must come first, but I do not feel satisfied that the urgency of shipping is sufficiently appreciated. We do however, appreciate that shipping has to pass through waters wherein the Japanese submarines are lurking, and we do recognise that the Japanese are in the occupation of the Andaman Islands. But it would transfer into action the wishes of the House if Mr. Amery were sustained in his demand to the War Cabinet for more shipping.

How has the war affected India as a whole?

How have we put into operation this economic imperialist exploitation of India, of which complaint has been made by the Labour benches? India has completed transition from a debtor to a creditor country. Before the war, India owed us 360 million pounds. That has been entirely wiped out and we now owe India, who has accumulated Sterling balances to an even greater amount.

(Mr. Molsen, Conservative: the total is 850 millions).

It means that India to be repaid this debt, will have to enrich her country. She will have to take manufactures in great quantity from us, and that is why I say India, financially will be one of the few countries of the world, if not the only country, which will emerge with certain advantages not enjoyed before.

Mr. Hore Belisha added "I submit to the Government that this disaster, which is so universally deplored and the effects of which we determine by every resolution to remedy, is also like many other disasters an opportunity. The war will compel us to reconstruct our international life in many particulars. Have we not here a chance to look again at this Indian problem and remove the real defects which the disaster discloses, namely, defects or provincial administration because the more power is handed over to the provinces inspired by this spirit, the more will be the dangers for India in the future. If Sir Stafford Cripps had come back from Delhi as the Foreign Secretary will come back from Moscow with complete triumph, and if it were possible to imagine that British influence and authority had been excluded to an even greater extent than it now is, would this situation have been better or worse?

There is no doubt about the answer. We are not going back upon the course upon which we have embarked, but it is in the interests both of India and ourselves that we should look at the whole matter and not at one small aspect in the light of these experiences in order that we may in the British Empire given one more evidence of our capacity to organize in a manner which promotes the greatest good to a great number of the mankind".

Sir John Wardlaw Milne (Conservative) said the House would feel disappointed that Mr. Amery was not able to give a more definite statement regarding shipping which would be available for famine relief (cheers). He pressed for immediate action.

Regarding hoarding, he said there had been some very unpleasant rumours about those responsible for the real hoarding in Bengal, and hoped that inquiry would reach those who had taken part whether they were people of position or even members of the administration themselves (hear, hear).

If the Act of 1935 had been put into full operation and there had been a strong Federal Government, things might have been very different. Meanwhile, he said: "It must be made clear to the Central Government, which is to exist until the new constitution arises, that it must be able to take power and act for the whole of India. This famine has shown that nothing but a Central Government for the whole of India will do and we must have one whether it be composed as now of a large majority of Indian members or of all Britishers—you must have a strong Central Government."

He was tired of the constant blame on the British people for this famine. "I have seen the Bengal famine put forward as a ghastly example of British inefficiency and misrule. It is nothing of the kind. If anything it is extremely damaging to the Indian case. But I prefer to look at it as one of those mistakes that are bound to happen, when power is thrust into the hands of people." Sir John Wardlaw Milne added, "We are constantly said to be inducing India to come into the British Empire. Membership of the British Empire, I hope, is not for sale. We are not in a position wherein we have to beg people to enter the British Empire. India's membership of the British Empire would be a great asset to the Empire, but it would be a far greater asset to India, and I wonder indeed how she would ever exist without it. I object to this constant misrepresentation."

Mr. Graham White said the debate was very much overdue and there ought to be far more discussion of Indian affairs.

He wanted to be sure that everything was being done in a short-term policy to bring an end to the famine and out of this calamity to make an opportunity to start on a long-term policy—which perhaps might only come to fruition in 25 years—to make it economically possible for the people of India to live at least on a standard of life appropriate to an eastern country." The debate afforded an opportunity to show how deeply Britain felt for fellow citizens in India. British opinion and sympathy had been profoundly stirred by these events."

Sir Alfred Knox said he was convinced that the cause of the present position in India was economic nationalism—the jealousy and determination of the different provinces of India to save their own people to keep their reserves of grain and not let them to provinces which had deficits. "We are going to have one of the greatest tragedies of the world in India, unless some method can be inculcated—perhaps the Government can take a lead by which the people of India may get some realisations of the necessity of, in some way, limiting the population before a disaster occurs.

Mr. Ridley (Labour) said: "In this grave tragedy, the air is thick with chickens coming home to roost." There was a complete absence of any ability to comprehend the consequences of the situation and to deal with them.

Because of a general failure to be resolute, the death rate had risen to figures that even now defied understanding. He doubted whether Britain had here any more than a modest conception of the state of Bengal. Of any understanding of the reasons why so many human beings died just of sheer physical starvation. As to remedial measures, he asked whether the Central Government had accepted all recommendations of the Food Grains Policy Committee, including the appointment of a rice

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Meherally's Struggle To Live

But Condition Continues To Give Cause For Anxiety

BOMBAY, Friday

At midnight to-day the report about Mr. Yusuf Meherally's condition is that his health continues to give cause for anxiety. The slight improvement noticed yesterday has not been kept up. Nausea has re-appeared and vomiting has increased. This has brought about marked weakness. There is severe pain in the chest. Other muscular pain and giddiness add to uneasiness and he is not able to rest. Vomiting started on Thursday night, and though he is able to take food, he is not able to contain it. As he has been finding difficulty in breathing, he has been put on oxygen for over four days. All that medical science can do is being done and Mr. Meherally himself is putting forth all this strength in his will to live.

'ELDERS' TO URGE AMERY'S REMOVAL?

Raja Bahadur Govindlal's Plea For Modification Of Cripps Offer

NEW DELHI, Nov. 5.

A resolution urging the Government of India to render adequate and generous financial help to the Government of Bengal of at least seven crores of rupees to meet the present emergency of food shortage has been tabled by Mr. Hossain Imam, Leader of the Muslim League Party in the Council of State, and ballotted for discussion on November 17.

Mr. Hossain Imam has an alternative resolution asking the Government of India to negotiate with the British Government to alter the present basis of defence expenditure on account of the setting up of the East Asia Command.

Raja Bahadur Govindlal Sivlal Motilal, a Congress member, has a resolution urging the removal of Mr. Amery from the office of the Secretary of State for India and another resolution asking modifications of the Cripps Proposals to make them acceptable to the people of India.

Mr. Sapru urges the building of a reconstruction reserve fund for education and public health while Pandit Hirdaynath Kunzru's resolution wants removal of restrictions on the Press regarding publication of news not relating to the war and particularly the news relating to the internal political conditions and economic well-being of the people, and also to ask the Provincial Governments to follow the same policy.

Mr. Kumar Sanker Roy Chaudhury has got the last place for his resolution for framing a Federal Constitution for the Government of India.—United Press.

Ordinance 19 In Federal Court

NEW DELHI, Nov. 5.

Mr. R. N. Padhey, Advocate, Nagpur, continued arguments in the Federal Court to-day and emphasised that Ordinance XIX was based on the principle that the Governor-General had submitted to the decision of the Federal Court. This by itself negatived the idea that the Ordinance was intended to validate anything. He conceded that if the Governor-General had treated the Special Criminal Courts Ordinance of 1942, as valid, and desired merely to put an end to it for the future, he could have done so by rescinding his original notification. Sections 4 and 5 of Ordinance XIX clearly indicated that the Governor-General had proceeded to make and promulgate it on the basis that the first ordinance was void.

The court adjourned till Monday.—A. P.

RESERVE BANK CASHIER ARRESTED

LAHORE, November 5.

Mr. Naraindas, Cashier in the Reserve Bank, was arrested under 129 of the Defence of India Rules.—United Press.

DEMOCRATIC STRONG-HOLD TURNS REPUBLICAN!

LUISVILLE, Nov. 5.

Kentucky returns in State and local elections are virtually complete and unofficial reports indicate that Kentucky, usually a Democratic stronghold, is turning towards the Republican Party. Governor and the Lieutenant-Governor are expected to be Republicans. Mr. Simeon Willis is leading Mr. J. L. Donaldson by about 8,000 votes for the Governorship and Mr. Kenneth H. Tuggle is leading Mr. M. William H. May by 8,000 votes.—Reuter.

United Miners Set Aside U. S. War Labour Board

NEW YORK, Nov. 5.

The "New York Times" to-day criticising the United States coal strike settlement said: "The Administration has made all but complete surrender to Mr. John Lewis (leader of the United mine workers). He has got about 1.75 dollars of the 2 dollars demanded early this year. "It sets aside the War Labour Board Policy of not negotiating with strikers and virtually gives notice to other Unions that they can gain by striking."—Reuter.

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SECOND BATTLE OF DNIEPER BEGINS

BERLIN, Nov. 5.

The German 'communique' to-day says that hard fighting continued at the Russian beach-heads on both sides of Kerch in Crimea. The 'communique' reports several Soviet breaches near and north of Kiev.

MOSCOW:—The Russian offensive has entered a new phase. Second battle of the Dnieper has begun. With General Tolbukhin's guards advancing over the last ten miles to Kherson at the Dnieper Estuary, Russian guns on a 100 miles stretch of the river on either side of the Nikopol bridgehead have begun shelling German positions on the opposite bank inside the Dnieper Bend. Their barrage may herald a new Dnieper thrust which may complete a rout of Field Marshal von Manstein's steppe army and isolation of General Jenecke's Crimea garrison by trapping the reinforced German divisions still holding out east of Krivoi-Rog.

Field Marshal von Manstein's remnants struggling to cross the river to Nikopol under cover of heavy rearguard fighting are facing the threat of meeting General Konev's men who are now fewer than twenty miles from Nikopol on the other side of the river. This drive by General Konev has gained considerable momentum in the past 24 hours. It now threatens the Nikopol-Apostolovo railway, the only rail route by which Germans in the lower part of the Dnieper Bend can reach Nllolov and get away to the west.

This railway is already under heavy attack from Russian bombers operating from a convenient chain of captured air-fields south of the Dnieper Bend. General Konev's drive is also rapidly outflanking the German positions at Krivoi-Rog 36 miles to the north-west. German dead whose bodies lie piled at the approaches to Krivoi-Rog have almost certainly been sacrificed in vain. German casualties since General Tolbukhin's breakthrough to the Lower Dnieper only eight days ago number tens of thousands, while prisoners in thousands are coming in daily.—Reuter.

Sweden Denies Mediation

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 5.

The Swedish Foreign Office to-day emphatically denied that Sweden was taking part in any peace negotiations between Finland and the Allies.

According to the Swedish newspaper "Social Demokraten", "Finland's fate will be settled in the next few days", says Reuter's special correspondent.

Dr. Juho Paasikivi, Chief negotiator of the 1940 peace with Russia, has been ordered by the Finnish Government to hold himself in readiness to fly to Moscow, the newspaper says.

The paper believes that Sweden and the United States are acting as intermediaries.—Reuter.

PATIALA'S QUOTA

PATIALA, November 5: His Highness the Maharaja of Patiala has given a donation of Rs. 25,000 to the Viceroy's Distress Fund.—A. P.

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SALE AT 4 P. M. (S. T.)

Quit and ground rent, tenure, land with the dwelling house situate at Doongri Jail De Souza Street and Chakla Cross Lane containing by admeasurement 283 square yards or thereabouts registered under New Nos. 6179, 6180 Cadastral Survey No. 414 of Mandvi Division, "B" Ward No. 1774, Street Nos. 124 to 128 and 13.

SALE AT 4-30 P. M. (S. T.)

Quit and ground rent, tenure, land with the house situate on the Western side of Doongri Jail De Souza Street or Vad Gadi, containing by admeasurement 158 square yards or thereabouts, registered under New No. 7253, Laughton's Survey No. 2265, Cadastral Survey No. 415 of Mandvi Division and assessed under "B" Ward No. 1775, Street Nos. 120. 122, 138.

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M. P.'S DEMAND INQUIRY INTO FOOD BUNGLE: INDICTMENT OF AMERY'S POLICY

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expert for the duration of war and raising the import level.

Would it be possible and would Mr. Amery strive to make it possible to create a Central Food Grains Reserve which the Committee recommended. Would shipping be available and what were the prospects of increasing the available shipping.

Sir George Schuster (Liberal National) said he thought they should all keep before them one purpose—to strengthen the arm of Lord Wavell. He could not have been sent to a more suitable place than India."

Sir George Schuster said there was a failure to take adequate and comprehensive action. It was a story of half-measures and vacillation. Sir George Schuster could not find in the White Paper that rice was ever seriously mentioned or discussed at any Food Conference until December 1942 There was no attempt to introduce rationing except that, it was said, it had been introduced in Bombay.

There was no attempt to control other prices, and it was not until December 1942 that a Food Ministry was set up at Delhi. He thought the most serious indictment in the whole story was that there was never an attempt to develop a comprehensive plan, and it was only now after four years of war, that a logical plan had been put forward by the Committee.

It was only now with the arrival of Lord Wavell that vigour and decision had been shown in action. It was terribly difficult now to deal satisfactorily with the situation. He would put first the necessity of introducing a comprehensive and coherent policy—an All-India policy covering finance, prices and rationing, secondly, he urged that the British Government should give every possible assistance in allowing India to import wheat. As regards responsibility, he associated himself with those members who had protested against blame being put upon the Indian peasant.

In every country when there had been a danger of shortage of food, it had been proved impossible to get the peasant population to come to willingly to render up their foodstocks to help the city population. The Indian peasant was bound to act as he did, and that ought to have been foreseen. The peasant would not hoard paper currency as a store of value. If they wanted him to part with his bread, they must give him something worth having.

He said the general purport of the White Paper was to put the blame on the Provincial Governments.

It was certainly a lamentable story but not the whole story. A point that stood out inescapably clear was that the Government of India should have had an All-India plan. Then if the Provincial Governments have refused to co-operate, it could justifiably have used its emergency powers. "I feel it is Mr. Amery's duty to keep us informed about what is happening in India, and what is likely to happen and ask for our counsel and support. We fully recognise the difficulties but can expect that he who carries the responsibility should come to us to tell us the situation, ask for our support in bold and dangerous action and then if it fails, we are all in it together.

That we feel Mr. Amery has not done. I should like the House to make it clear that we are not satisfied with the information which has been given and we need a fuller report on the working of the India Office."

Sir George Schuster said it was on two crucial points how to handle the food policy and finance bill that advice should be forthcoming. He asked whether the India Office had thought that financial problems in India were going to be unimportant all through the war. He felt the situation had not been faced up to and that the responsibility which rested in London had not been fully discharged. If Mr. Amery and the India Office were to be purely passive and merely say 'yes' to any demand that came from India, what was the object of that great office and of money that we spent on the staff. He thought the House was entitled to an answer. He felt Mr. Amery had a heavy responsibility to the House in this matter which he had not fully discharged.

After saying that the Viceroy had the House's full support in continuing his strong action and developing a comprehensive policy, Sir George Schuster concluded, "but we must make it clear that we don't shirk our own responsibilities. British guidance still has a great part to play in India, and we refuse to admit that this unhappy story shows the best British tradition."

Mr. Cove (Labour) also asked for fuller information and full inquiry. "The responsibility must be fixed and fixed quickly", he said. The inquiry might be by a Select Committee of the House or a Royal Commission but it was quite clear from the tone of Mr. Amery's speech that the House needed further information.

"The war has provided an acid test of our rule in India. We have been there for two hundred years and when a war of this character breaks out, our machinery in India so far as morale, etc., is concerned has broken down. We have lamentably failed. It is quite impossible to meet the situation, unless we at the same time try to remedy the political difficulties in India. Our friends like Pandit Nehru and others are in gaol. We may as well be frank—there is no co-operation from the Indian side among leaders there for our cause, and I believe that is due to our fault. Not only have we to get foodships to India, but we have to release leaders of the Indian Congress from gaol."

We should seize the great opportunity of solving the political problems that confronted us in India. Mr. Cove asked why the same powerful direct drastic action taken against the Congress leaders had not been applied to feeding the Indian people.

What action had been taken in this total war to see that the morale of the Indian people was maintained. "It is all the more an indictment against the Government and Mr. Amery that India is always on a low level and had no surpluses to speak of. That fact itself ought to have made the Government aware of the situation that might arise.

What is the Government's answer to that? Look at the inertness, stupidity and lack of humanity of the Secretary of State for India in reply to questions in this House. Mr. Cove quoted sentences, which he said, were reported as having been uttered by Mr. Amery in January such as "no cause for alarm. With care and proper distribution there should be enough to go round, but the distribution problem is undoubtedly difficult."

Mr. Molson (Conservative) intervening said, "Look at the table in the White Paper which shows the food available this year was greater than last year and the year before. Mr. Amery's diagnosis was correct. It is distribution that has broken down."

Mr. Cove continuing said, "Members opposite have need to be deeply disturbed about the situation in India (Conservative M.P.'s: They are).

Mr. Cove added, "then join with us in demanding an inquiry. Let us fix the responsibility. Millions of our people are dying.

Casualties in India will be greater than the total casualties of all the belligerents in this war in next two or three months. What is the Indian reaction? We say we are fighting for our freedom and liberty against Fascist oppression. What moral call have we given to the people of India.

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Sorensen's Questions On Censorship Of News For India

WESTMINSTER, Nov. 4.

Mr. Sorensen (Labour) asked Mr. Amery what restrictions were imposed on Indian papers and news sent from Britain and how long public statements by British Members of Parliament were intercepted and delayed when dispatched by news agencies and newspaper correspondents to Indian Press.

Mr. Amery replied: "Central and Provincial Governments in collaboration with the Press Advisory Committee encourage the Press in India itself to impose any necessary restrictions on its members. But have power to issue orders as necessary under the Indian Press (Emergency Powers) Act 1931, and the Defence of India Rules 40 and 41. As these orders vary in different Provinces and are subject to constant review. I am unable to give the honourable member detailed information about them. Press messages reaching India from outside are subject to scrutiny by Indian censorship, but the delay involved is kept to the lowest possible degree".

Mr. Sorensen: May I ask whether in fact there is any kind of censorship or interception on this side of the communications sent to India?

Mr. Amery: There is censorship at this end strictly dealing with matters affecting military information.

Mr Sorensen: Can Mr. Amery say why it was that the letter in "The Manchester Guardian" sent by myself was intercepted and delayed some time after publication in this country?

Mr. Amery: I should be delighted to look into the matter if Mr. Sorensen will furnish me with the information. —Reuter.

I defy the members to say that Pandit Nehru was against our war effort, that the Congress did not have its heart in the fight for freedom.

Every resolution of the Congress was on the side of freedom of nations. We have to restore confidence among the leaders of Indian opinion. That can only be found by greeting our fellow Indian subjects as equal within the Commonwealth of Nations.

Mr. Cove was sure nothing could be done without appeasement with Indian leaders. "There must be a new broad approach based on the recognition that Indian independence must be a reality and convey to the Indian people during the war that they will get the freedom that we are fighting for in this great war."

Mr. Raikes (Conservative) said, "We need to increase the food supplies of India on its land.

Mr. Ammon (Labour) said "Mr. Amery's speech indicated that he could not see wood for trees. Dealing with the criticism of Provincial Government, Mr. Ammon said these had not powers to deal with the main principles of the present situation, namely, inflation and food imports. He was against an inquiry, as facts were known. In his earlier speeches, he had said that there was nothing more condemnatory than the laudation given to Lord Wavell and General Auchinleck, because they had started to get things done. They did try to find out the problem. "In a case like this, when after all the centre of Government is in this country both blame and responsibility are here and we have got to accept that. It is no good trying to shift it elsewhere."

Godgrey Nicholson (Conservative) said that while the legal responsibility for famine conditions rested in India, the moral responsibility rested with the House of Commons. There had been a breakdown in administration. To-day's debate was the first time for many years that the arena of Indian political discussions had been invaded by harsh reality. "The first test of the new set up in India has shown us that the administration is incapable to a large extent of dealing with realities. This breakdown in administration has meant loss of thousands of lives. It is disgrace to us that we have so allowed an administration to deteriorate that such a thing came about. It will be tenfold disgrace on us, if we let further tragedies of administration occur."

Anderson's Reply

Sir John Anderson replying to the debate on food situation in India said: "I have followed the course of this debate with deep interest and I confess with somewhat mixed feelings. I am not here to whitewash the authorities which may have been backward or in any way failed in the discharge of their responsibility I do recognise that it is very easy to be wise after the event.

It may be there are traders in Bengal who have secured stocks from cultivators and are holding stocks up and I agree that the most drastic action should be taken against any such attempt.

NOT BLAMING ANYBODY

But there has been also on the part of the cultivators a very natural tendency—and this is not blaming anybody—to hold the grain back partly to safeguard their own position and partly to attract better prices."

Mr. Sorensen (Labour): Will Sir John Anderson make it clear that the alleged hoarding is divided into these categories and that a far greater part of the hoarding is due to prudent reasons for keeping back stocks.

Sir John Anderson: That is my profound belief and I am not blaming anybody. One has to be very careful in designs to extract grain from a reluctant cultivator because the action may be too rigorous and stocks not sufficient to carry them through.

If any words of mine can reach the cultivator in Bengal I would say he would be very well advised to release now everything he can above the reasonable requirement for his family.

We shall continue to watch the situation with keen interest and, I assure the House, with readiness to do everything possible to meet the needs of the situation they may be disclosed towards the end of this year.

BRITISH HONOUR AT STAKE

After Sir John Anderson sat down, Mr. Symour Cocks (Labour) said that the people of India were subjects of the King-Emperor just as the people of London and if they were dying in Calcutta, it was the same thing as if they were dying in London. If people were dying in Whitehall so that a Minister could not go down Whitehall until their bodies were removed, the whole people would be roused to say that the situation must be stopped. He thought that it was very important that wheat should be sent to India even if it involved three or six months of war with Japan. It was not consistent with British honour that these people should be starving even if relieving them meant a prolongation of war in the Far East.

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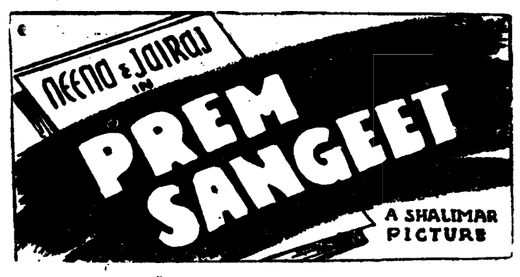

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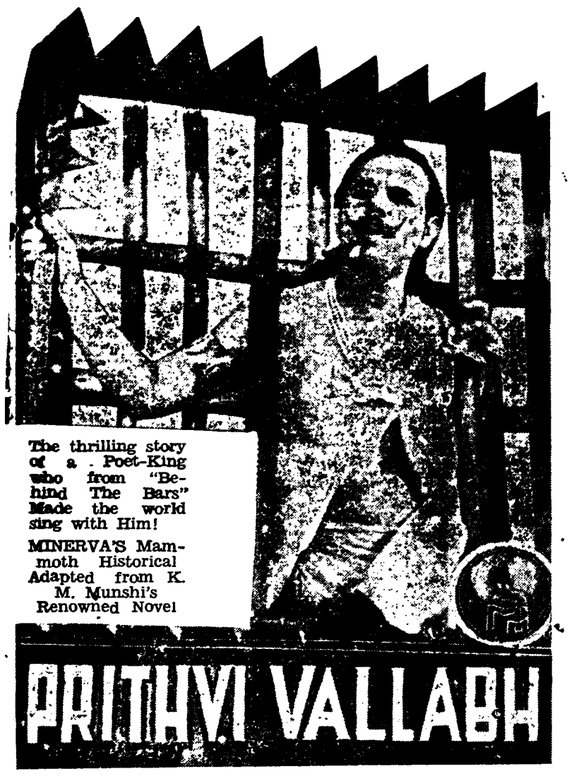

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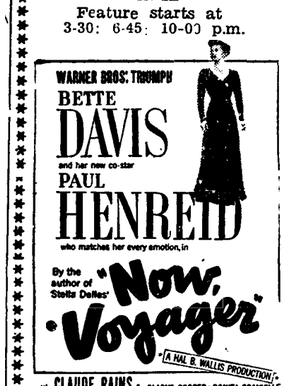

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PROVINCIAL CO-OPERATIVE INSTITUTE: The 14th All-India Co-operators' Day at 3-30 p.m. at "Temple of Co-operation" 9 Bakehouse Lane, Fort, D. B. H. L. Haji will preside.

TOPIWALLA ANNIVERSARY: Anniversary of the late Narayanrao Desai Topiwalla at Kudal Deshkar Brahmin Nivas at 6 p.m. Prof. N. R. Phatak will preside

SOCIAL WORKERS' SOCIETY: Annual Diwali gathering organised by the Social Workers' Society at the Welfare Centre Matharpakhadi Chawls at 6 p.m. Sports will be held at 4 p.m.

BOMBAY ALL-MALAYALEE CONFERENCE: Usual monthly meeting of literary section at Asthika Samaj Hall, when Mr. Y. G. Krishnamurthy will speak on "Crisis of Civilisation and India's Role". Mr. K. S. Ramachandra Iyer will preside.

SOVIET EXHIBITION: The "25 years of Soviet Power" exhibition at Vanamali Hall, near Tilak-Bridge, Dadar, B. B. C. I. will be open from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. to-day and to-morrow Sunday the last day of the exhibition. from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

YOUTHS' PARLIAMENT: Public debate on "Science Is Destructive To Civilisation" in the Youth Lodge, Blavatsky Lodge, at 6-30 p.m. Mr. R. K. Karanjia will preside Mr. M. D. Japeth will propose, Mr. B. N. Anklesaria will oppose.

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ANDHRA EDUCATION SOCIETY: Benefit performances in Telgu of "Sri Krishna Rayabaram" by the members of the Andhra Natya Sabha, Bezwada at R. M. B. High School Hall, Parel, at 6 p.m. to-day and "Chintamani" at the same place and time to-morrow Sunday.

BHARATIYA SEVA SANGHA: Under the presidentship of Seth Mangulal T. Parikh the above Sangha was able to collect the sum of Rs. 5,500 in the concert arranged in aid of the Bengal Relief Fund on 10th ultimo. It was handed over to Ramkrishna Mission, Khar to be utilized for the relief of the distressed in Bengal.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION JEWISH CENTRE: Dr. Dara Rustomji Hakim will conduct a class in "Home Nursing" every Sunday from 7th November at 9 a.m. in the premises or Sir Jacob Sassoon High School, Victoria Gardens Road, Opposite Richardson and Cruddas, Byculla. No fees are charged.

PROTEST MEETING: Public meeting to protest against the proselytising activities carried on in some of the missionary educational institutions and especially Sophia College for Women at 5-30 p.m. (S. T.) at Sunderbai Hall, Carnegy Road, (between Churchgate and Marine Lines Station) Fort. Mr. Mohanlal M. Desai, Dr. Mrs. Malinibai B. Sukhthankar, Miss Navajbai D. Contractor Dasturji Kalikhushroo M. Kutar, Mr. Kalkhushroo N. Dubash Jehangir S. Chiniwalla Advocate, and others will address.

M.B., B.S. RESULTS NOT ON MONDAY

Owing to unavoidable circumstances the results of the M.B., B.S. Examination cannot be declared on Monday, the 8th instant, as previously announced. The date of declaration of the results will be announced later.

MUSICIAN'S WEDDING

The wedding of Master Harishchandra, Vocalist and Dubla player, brother of Mr. Balakrishnabuwa Kapileshwari, with Ratanbai (daughter of Mr. S S. Shinde of Poona) will be celebrated today (Saturday) at 6-30 p.m. at Wagle Hall, Chikitsak Samooha High School, Girgaum.

Jinnah's Reply To Abdul Majid

BOMBAY, Nov. 5.

Mr. M. A. Jinnah, President of the All-India Muslim League, has sent the following reply to the letter of Sheikh Abdul Majid Sindh, Karachi, which he had received recently informing him that he has resigned from the Muslim League which has already appeared in the Press:

"I am in receipt of your letter of October 25, 1943, informing me that that you have resigned from the Muslim League organisation. What do you expect me to do after you have taken your decision without apprising me of your complaints against the Ministry of placing them before the Working Committee of the All-India Muslim League which would have been the correct procedure for you to adopt before you took this fatal step.

In these circumstances I note that you have resigned from the Muslim League organisation."—United Press.

Congress Won't Contest

AHMEDABAD, Nov. 5.

It is understood that the Congress as a party will not take part in the ensuing municipal elections for which March 15 next has been fixed. Congressmen have been permitted, however, to take part in the elections in their individual capacity. The Ahmedabad Municipality was superseded in August 1942 due to political reasons and after continued suppression the Government have now decided to reconstruct the municipality by holding fresh elections.—United Press.

BOMBAY RACES: OPENING DAY'S SELECTIONS

SO THAT'S THAT FANCIED IN NOVEMBER PLATE

(From Our Racing Correspondent)

The programme for the opening day has eight events wherein only moderate-sized fields have accepted.

In the November Plate, the chief event, So That's That is fancied to score from Haut Ton. Necessity and Royal Blood have excellent chances in their respective events.

The following are my selections:—

1st race: Macdonald 1. Guiding Star 2. Majnun Anwah F.

2nd race: Necessity 1. Lioness 2. Inspiration F.

3rd race: Blandfordette 1. Devas Luck 2. Hot Stuff F.

4th race: Royal Blood 1. Passing Bell 2. Rosetta F.

5th race: Sidi Barrani 1. Metro 2. Khazanchi F.

6th race: So That's That 1. Haut Ton 2. Snow White F.

7th race: Alarm 1. Sundial 2. Royal Page F.

8th race: Nirdosh 1. Amal al Shabab 2. Jowdat al Iraq F.

Dark Flukes: Iceland and Masque.

"BHAKTARAJ" WINS IN NORTH & SOUTH

'Vidur' To Be Shown At Majestic Next Friday

BY T. V. P.

Jayant Desai Productions is a new film concern, but Jayant Desai is a film veteran his 'Tansen' under the Ranjit banner is the latest and most powerful testimony to his directing and producing abilities. Under the Jayant Desai Productions' banner, his first picture 'Bhaktaraj' based on the famous story of King Amparish from Mahabharata has made a tremendous impression both in the North and the South. It was released simultaneously at Mysore, Bangalore, Masulipatam and Trichinopoly during the Diwali holidays and reports from everywhere are quite satisfactory. At Delhi the film is now in the 5th week. At Cawnpore, Lucknow and Hyderabad, it has built up new records. It will be released at Lamington Talkies in Bombay as soon as "Sawaal" is withdrawn. Vishnupant Pagnis of sweet memory in filmland is the star of this picture.

Another picture starring the late Mr. Pagnis and Durga Khote, viz., "Vidur" produced by Circo and directed by Mr. P. Altekar will be released at Majestic Cinema next Friday.

While Laxmi Productions' a 'Kadambari' costume picture starring Shanta Apte and Vanmala is nearing completion at Andheri Studios, Laxmi Productions are announcing two more pictures, which are to go on the sets in a short time. One is "Bhagyalaxmi" in which Shanta Apte and Prem Adib will be starred and Sarvottam Badami is the director. The other is "Devi" starring Lila Desai, which will be produced and directed by Chimanlal Trivedi.

PRITHVI-VALLABH AT WEST END

Never before has a motion picture succeeded in so faithfully transcribing a popular novel on the screen as has Minerva's 'Prithvi Vallabh'. The colourful romance, the poetic fancy, the

Roshan and Sohrab Modi in "Prithvi-Vallabh" at West End.

thrilling melodrama and above all the unforgettable characterisations of Munj and Mrinal as conceived by K. M. Munshi in his novel, are brought to vivid life by Sohrab Modi with dexterity. The picture is in sixth week at West End.

"POONJI" SUMS UP DIRECTOR'S ART

The Pancholi musical comedy "Poonji" has gained a popularity worthy of its producer's reputation. The picture however counts for more than a box-office success. It is a notable contribution to the art and technique of cinematography. The opening sequence of "Poonji", for instance, has few parallels in technical resourcefulness and imaginative artistry. That single sequence would be enough to give any producer a place of honour in the Indian film industry. Neither the camera nor the mike has ever been used to better effect on the Indian screen than in this scene.

"SAWAL" AT LAMINGTON

After a month of successful run, Gitanjali Pictures' "Sawal" has now settled down at Lamington where it promises to carry on for several weeks more. The songs of Mumtaz Shanti and Radha Rani have been so popular that their records are in great demand.

"HAMARI BAAT" & 'PREM SANGIT'

Bombay Talkies' "Hamari Baat" starring Devika Rani is an example of what Indian studios can do in respect of musical comedies. Its songs and humorous episodes have made a tremendous appeal to Bombay Talkies fans. In this respect this picture is a departure from their former vogue. It is also purposeful in that it gives the message to everybody of adjusting to the needs of new times.

Shalimar's "Prem Sangit" is a close second of "Hamari Baat" in every respect, viz., songs, story, purposefulness and atmosphere. While the male lead in both the pictures is shouldered by Jairaj in a capable manner, Devika Rani and Neena afford illustrations of very good acting in humorous comedies. Fans should study their reactions to the appeals of either.

POPULAR OLD TIMERS

"Ramanuj" at Novelty, "Ramarajya" at Super, "Shakuntala" at Swastik, 'Tansen' at Opera House, "Najma" at Minerva, "Kismet" at Roxy, "Basant" at Majestic are having fine runs in the city.

"NARSI BHAGAT" AT ROXY

Under the auspices of the Bombay Historical Society, a show of "Narsi Bhagat" at the Roxy Cinema, will be presented at 9 a.m. on Sunday. Saja Narayanlalji will preside.

Naseem will be co-starred with Ashok Kumar in Filmistan's "Chal Chal Re Navjavan."

COTTON BROKERS' STAFF UNION

An extraordinary general meeting of the members of the Cotton Brokers' Staff Union will be held in the hall of the Trading Ring today (Saturday) at 4 p.m. to honour Sir Purshottamdas Thakordas the President of the E. I.C. Association for efforts in getting the Forward Cotton Market reopen. Seth Purshotamdas Harkisondas will preside.

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COMMONS DEBATE

We do not know if the report that has reached us of the debate in the Commons on famine in India is as accurate as it is lengthy or if it is as fair to the critics of Government as it has been to official spokesmen. Such as it is, it gives one the impression that at least some members of the Commons have seen through the Government of India's policy of deplorable neglect in dealing with famine. Mr. Amery, of course, continues to defend that policy saying that the Government of India have all along been doing all that is possible, that a number of food conferences have been held and that in consequence many parts of India have been rescued from what threatened a year ago to be "a wide-spread, possibly almost universal famine." This is as much as to say that we must be grateful to the Government of India that more persons are not dying to-day from famine.

The debate, however, shows that not many in the Commons are prepared to share such nauseating complacency Even Sir John Anderson admitted: "I do think that in regard to inflation it is unfortunate there was not more prompt realisation of what was happening and more vigorous action in a matter definitely within the sphere of the Government of India." He evidently referred to the remark of Mr. Pethwick Lawrence that inflation was one of the main causes of the present distress. Sir George Schuster (Liberal) was more emphatic in his condemnation of the Government of India's half-measures. "There was never an attempt', he said, "to develop a comprehensive plan and it was only now, after four years of war that a logical plan had been put forward". He also protested against Mr. Amery's attempt to put blame on the Indian peasant. Labour members were naturally most severe in their condemnation of Government's policy of complacency and neglect. He quoted some of the remarks made by Mr. Amery in January suggesting that there was "no cause for alarm" and that "with care and proper distribution there should be enough to go round." Replying to Mr. Amery's repeated suggestion that provincial Governments had a primary responsibility in preventing scarcity. Mr. Ammon rightly pointed out that provinces had no powers to prevent inflation or to secure imports from abroad.

The political aspect of the Indian situation was lost sight of by many speakers. But Mr. Cove (Labour) did well to warn Government that "it is quite impossible to meet the situation unless we at the same time try to remedy the political difficulties in India". "There must be", he said, "a new broad approach based on the recognition that Indian independence must be a reality and convey to the Indian people during the war that they will get the freedom we are fighting for." Mr. Amery only repeats his parrot cry that whatever constitutional advance can be made will be after the war and as a result of agreement between all parties. This, however, evades the point that the present economic distress itself cannot be satisfactorily remedied unless the accredited leaders of the country are put at the head of the country's Government. If the British Government think that owing to the economic difficulties in India Indians will put the political problem into the background, it will be a dangerous mistake, indeed. Indians rightly hold that their political subjection to Britain is the root cause of most of their present ills. And they will never allow anyone to side-track the vital question of national freedom.

Russia's Achievements

General Alexander's offensive has already made such good progress that Isernia, the heart of the present German defence line, has fallen to Allied troops. Whether this is the result of voluntary withdrawal or of a forced one, it seems obvious that a general German retreat to the Rome region has begun. And it is now up to General Alexander to pursue the retreating armies on the "mined roads" so that the enemy is unable to make any strong stand on the Rome line. This can be done as the Russians have demonstrated.

But the Russians are doing even more, much more. Their offensive in southern Russia is growing more magnificent almost every hour. The most disastrous German defeat of the present war involving not only the loss of vital regions like the Ukraine and the Crimea but the complete destruction of an important proportion of the Wehrmacht has now become not only a distinct possibility but an imminent probability. Nor is that all. The Russians have become active elsewhere also. Add to these activities the grievous bloodletting to which they have subjected the Germans during the last four months, and it is more than clear that Soviet Russia has both shortened the war unilaterally and opened wide the way for an immediate Second Front.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Exit Victor Emmanuel?

Rumours have been circulating for some time that King Victor Emmanuel is going to abdicate his throne. They arose from the report that anti-Fascist leaders like Benedetto Croce and Count Sforza were not prepared to join any Government under him because the king had betrayed the nation in permitting the rise of Fascism. The charge is, of course, only too true. But Marshal Badoglio made efforts to persuade these leaders to reconsider their condition. He failed, as he himself has confessed. Now the King himself is in Naples to plead his own case. He too seems to have failed because one of the latest reports says that his abdication is more or less definitely decided on. This is by no means unlikely. And the exit of the King will certainly not be regretted by any one. For the last twenty years his conduct has been that of an utterly selfish opportunist. He sided with Mussolini because therein he saw safety for his personal position. For the same reason he continued to support the Fascist Dictator in every outrage that the latter committed against the rights of his own people, against International obligations and against the laws of humanity. And finally again for the same reason he deserted Mussolini when the Allies invaded Italy.

What About Badoglio?

Such a man deserves the fate that, we hope, has overtaken him. But two other matters will still remain to be solved. The first is the right of the people to decide not who should be their king but whether there should be a king at all. The second is the position of Marshal Badoglio. The latter is no less a culprit than his master. Indeed, he ought definitely to be classified as a war criminal. This man initiated the use of poison gas on a large scale against Ethiopia. And he is a Fascist who has retracted only now. From him professions of democracy, which he protests now, sound peculiarly hypocritical and revolting. If the Allies are honest with themselves, let alone others, Badoglio also must go. It must, however, again be emphasised, that internal changes in Italy do not necessarily change the fate which appears to threaten the people of Libya, for instance.

Gujarati Literary Conference And Bombay Artists

The Gujarati Literary Conference has fixed up, Baroda as the venue of its forthcoming session, and since it is invited by the State it is likely to retain all its sections and departments including the section and exhibition of Art, and the Reception Committee will probably not be able to function independently of the officials the State in charge of the organisation. The Literary Conference has, so far, not cared to recognise the claim of the Gujarat artists of Bombay to the presidential chair of its art-section; in fact, it was hardly aware of our existence until its last session which met at Andheri, and now Baroda State has joined hands with it in ignoring us.

The Museum and Picture Gallery of Baroda held an exhibition of "The Modern Gujarat Paintings" during His Highness the Maharaja Gaekwad's birthday week in January 1943. The participants were a few artists of Ahmedabad, their satellites and students from schools, but the Gujarati artists of Bombay like Messrs. Jagannath Ahivasi, Yagnesh Shukla, Bhanu Smart, etc., were considered unworthy of standing shoulder to shoulder with them. As a matter of fact we were quite unaware of an exhibition of Gujarat Paintings held in Baroda—a premier State of Gujarat.

"An Exhibition of the Modern Gujarat Paintings" appeared as the title of the shore on the front page of the catalogue, but the show was not representative of the entire community of the artists of Gujarat. Will Baroda State explain the reasons of making invidious distinctions among the artists of the same province? Our exclusion from the show gives sufficient ground for assumptions that the literary conference at Baroda might persist in disregarding the claim of Bombay to the presidential chair of its Art-section. The organisers and the Reception Committee ought to note that the Conference has, by installing Mr. Ravishankar Raval in the Chair at Karachi, accepted the principle of electing an artist as the President and that the next artist who deserves such a distinction is Mr. J. M. Ahivasi.

Mr. Ahivasi is a senior and front-rank Gujarati artist and an able exponent of Indian art, but the literary conference has failed to honour him, in spite of our protests since its Session at Ahmedabad. Will Baroda State rectify its past errors and teach the literary conference, the lessons of doing justice to the Gujarati artists of Bombay?

Y. D. MERCHANT.

NO PRICE CONTROL FOR PUNJAB

Premier Denies Charge Of Hoarding

LAHORE, Nov. 5.

Explaining what he described "the case of the silently suffering Punjab peasant who has neither the press behind him nor the machinery of propaganda", Malik Khizarhyat Khan Tiwana, Premier of the Punjab, in an interview said that before the war, price for wheat which was the Punjab's main produce went down to the uneconomic level at Re. 1/4 and the rural debt went up to Rs. 200 crores. Nobody came forward to enforce control then in the name of national need. The Punjab peasant silently bore this and responded to the call of duty during the war.

Denying the charge of hoarding and withholding stocks against the Punjab, he said that last year the Government of India fixed a quota of eight and half lakh tons for the Punjab which subsequently raised in consultation with the Punjab Government to nine lakh tons. The Punjab actually gave nine and a half lakhs.

As regards the supply for Defence forces, the Punjab would not lag behind in this respect. The Punjab was prepared to help Bengal to the utmost extent "even to the extent of cutting down their own ration" but things could not be allowed to happen which would represent in the Punjab Government the story of Bengal.

Discussing the question of Price Control, the Premier declared that unless the prices of other articles were brought down, there was no justification for imposing control on the prices of foodgrains nor was it practicable.—A. P.

Punjab Assembly Warns Govt. Of India

LAHORE, Nov. 5.

The Punjab Assembly passed without division this evening Sardar Lal Singh's resolution recommending to the Government to convey to the Government of India "the emphatic opinion of the House that any attempt to control the price of wheat will result in very keen resentment and discontent among the agricultural classes."—A. P.

PUBLICITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Information Member Explains Its Working

NEW DELHI, Nov. 5.

Addressing the first meeting of the Publicity Advisory Committee to-day, Sir Sultan Ahmed, Information and Broadcasting Member, explained the working of the Government of India's Publicity organisation.

"Under modern conditions", he said, "every department of a progressive Government needs to ensure that it has an adequate mechanism of contact with the influential public, and in a country where full responsible parliamentary Government is not yet in force, that contact can suitably be provided by advisory committees.

The various branches of the department, he proceeded, were functioning under political, financial, constitutional, linguistic, educational and mechanical, limitations. He invited practical suggestions from the committee, particularly as regards themes, treatment and language adopted by All-India Radio. He asked, however, that in making suggestions members must remember that 16 transmitters had to serve the whole of India.

The National War Front, he explained, represented an attempt to form a movement which should weld the people of India together into a solid body of resistance to danger from abroad or from within.

Among newspaper editors present at the meeting were:—

Mr. I. M. Stephens, Sir G. Francis Low, Mr. F. W. Bustin, Mr. K. Srinivasan, Mr. C. R. Srinivasan, Mr. Amritlal Seth, Mr. S. A. Brelvi.—A. P.

CABLE ITEMS

STOCKHOLM: Richard von Kuehlmann, former German Foreign Minister who attempted to negotiate peace with the Allies towards the end of the last war, has left Stockholm.

NEW YORK: An "Associated Press" report from Ankara states that the former Austrian Foreign Minister, Guido Schmidt, has arrived there from Vienna. The newspaper "Jumhuriyet" suggested that Schmidt may have come to assist the Allies in freeing Austria.—Reuter.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5: The Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, announced to-day that Russia has agreed to send a delegation to Washington to discuss plans for an International Currency Stabilisation Fund and a worldwide Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Bank.—Reuter.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5: Mr. Herbert Hoover stated to-day: "At the present moment we are increasingly in the later stages of the European war. This is very probably, I hope, the last winter of fighting in Europe". He was testifying to the Senate Foreign Relations Sub-Committee.—Reuter.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5: The Navy Department announces that the airship K-49 caught fire and was destroyed in routine flight to the West Indies. The crew of eight is listed as missing. The loss was not due to enemy action.—Reuter.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5.—President Roosevelt discussed the recent victory by the United States Naval Force in the South-West Pacific which he described, as an extremely successful operation. He said that the Hougainville landing was in a sense the stepping stone method which he is generally against. The President added that the Japanese have a very strong point in Rabaul which has been their principal point of support for all operations in the South-West Pacific.—Reuter.

CHIASSO, Nov. 5: Count Ciano, Mussolini's son-in-law, is reported to have been seen at liberty in Venice. He has several times been reported under arrest for allegedly opposing Mussolini at the last meeting of the Fascist Council.—Reuter.

CANBERRA, Nov. 5: Mr. J. J. Maloney has been appointed Australian Minister to Moscow, it is announced by the Minister for External Affairs and Attorney-General Dr. Herbert V. Evatt.—Reuter.

CHUNKING: A Chinese spokesman said the Japanese, using 30,000 troops, captured Kunagan and Nanhsien.—Reuter.

U. S. LABOUR VOTES 1,00,000 DOLLARS FOR INDIAN RELIEF

Bengal Govt.'s Reply To Huq's Charge: "Mild Force Used On Destitutes In Their Own Interests"

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 5.

The National Congress of Industrial Organisations War Relief Committee voted 100,000 dollars to help relieve famine conditions in India.

LONDON, Nov. 5: The India Relief Committee has cabled a third instalment of Rs. 5,000 for relief purposes. The Committee's Birmingham branch cabled a further £500.

British Contributions

Two or three sacks full of mail are still arriving daily at the India House in response to the Bengal Famine Relief appeal broadcast last Saturday by the High Commissioner Sir Samuel Runganadhan.

Several thousands of pounds sterling has already been received but it is not yet possible to give the total.

Most of the money is in small amounts. Old age pensioners, school children, retired officers of the Indian Service and others in all parts of Great Britain are among the contributors.—Reuter.

76 Deaths On Friday

CALCUTTA, Nov. 5.

Yesterday there were 137 admissions of sick destitutes in various hospitals in the city and suburbs.

Deaths of 76 of such destitutes were reported from the hospitals during the day and 92 cases were discharged.

Corpses of sick destitutes disposed of in the city yesterday by the Hindu Satkar Samity and the Anjuman Mafidul Islam numbered 89. Of these, 13 were received from the police morgue, 70 from the Emergency Hospitals dealing with sick destitute cases and the rest from other sources.—A. P.

DESTITUTES DRAGGED BY MEN INTO VANS

Fazlul Huq Complains Of Govt. Method Of Removal From Streets

CALCUTTA, Nov. 5.

In a statement to the "United Press" Mr. A. K. Fazlul Huq, former Chief Minister of Bengal, complains of the manner in which the Government of Bengal has been carrying out the policy of removal of destitutes from the Calcutta streets.

Mr. Huq relates that he saw some men in uniform dragging several destitutes towards motor vans. Several of them held the destitutes by their necks while many were running in all directions for shelter.

"Within my view," Mr. Huq added, "they dragged several of these persons into vans while they were shouting in distress. It was evident that these persons were forcibly removed into vans. One scene was extremely pathetic, a mother shouting that her only son had been left and she was calling out 'where is my son'?"

Mr. Huq called upon the Chief Minister to state the various places where the Government put up shelters for accommodation of these destitutes so that "we may go and inspect and find them ourselves."—United Press.

"Mild Force Used In Their Own Interests"

CALCUTTA, Nov. 5.

Out of an estimated total of 100,000 destitutes in Calcutta, about 10,000 have been removed to reception centres so far, of whom about 4,000 have been moved on to relief centres.

A Bengal Government Press Note giving these figures to-day explains Government's policy of transferring destitutes from the streets of Calcutta to relief centres and camps. It says: "There has been a consensus of opinion that every attempt should be made to persuade the destitutes to allow themselves to be taken to these places where they can be better looked after and ultimately repatriated to their villages. Government had no option but to use a certain amount of mild force in the interest of the destitutes themselves as well as of the citizens of Calcutta and they felt they had as much moral right to do so as Doctor has who compels a patient to take inoculations against his will.

Government invite responsible leaders of the public to visit the Reception centres and relief camps in order to see for themselves the arrangements made.—A. P.

Vijayalakshmi Debunks Hoarding Myth

ALLAHABAD, Nov. 5.

"Hoarding has been proclaimed as the main reason for the existing conditions and blame has been laid on the door of the small cultivator but actually the burden of the famine has fallen on the agriculturists and these poor people are flocking in thousands to seek food in towns having sold their houses, their clothes and their last bit of utensils. Women are in their saddest plight and cannot even seek relief because they have no clothes to cover their nakedness."

Thus observed Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pandit, President of the All-India Women's Conference, who has returned from her recent visit to the distressed areas in Bengal addressing to-day the Journalists' Association, Allahabad.

The biggest danger, at the moment, Mrs. Pandit added, was lack of medical aid. Mass inoculation was urgently needed. She paid tributes to the non-official agencies' work and urged that there should be planned distribution by which food and medicines must reach their destination. Food should be imported in an increasing measure to meet the situation.—United Press.

JINNAH SENDS RS. 13,792

BOMBAY, Nov. 5.

Mr. M. A. Jinnah, President of the All-India Muslim League, has to-day sent a further sum of Rs. 13,792 to the Muslim Chamber of Commerce, Calcutta, for Bengal Relief Fund. The total amount so far sent by him comes to about Rs. 69,000.—United Press.

Rs. 25 Lacs Deficit For Bombay Municipality

No Proposal To Increase Taxation: Deficit To Be Met From Opening Balance

The Municipal Commissioner presented Budget Estimates for 1944-45 before the Standing Committee of the Municipal Corporation on Friday, which shows a huge deficit of Rs. 25 lacs.

Before presenting the budget, the Commissioner held a Press Conference where he replied to some questions relating to the budget. In reply to a question, he said, the total debt of the Municipality was Rs. 14,41,00,000 and that of the Improvement Trust was Rs. 16,17,00,000.

Against this, the interests and sinking charges absorbed about Rs. 2 crores annually in round figures from the municipal revenue.

The income for the year 1944-45 is estimated at Rs. 3,87,31,000 while the expenditure is estimated at Rs. 4,13,07,000. Although a deficit of Rs. 25,76,000 is expected, there is no proposal to increase the taxation during the next year. The deficit will be met from the opening balance of Rs. 36,70,000, leaving a closing balance of Rs. 10,94.000.

The levy of a tax on dogs at the rate of Re 5 per dog has been proposed but it is not intended as a fiscal measure. The object of levying the tax is to exercise stricter control over dogs in the City.

The income for the next year shows an improvement to the extent of Rs. 7,63,000 which is mainly due to larger receipts from the property taxes owing to the anticipated increase in rateable values and the reduction in the number of vacancies and consequent fall in funds and drawbacks. The revenue from Markets and Slaughter Houses is also expected to increase owing to the heavy demand for slaughter.

INCREASE IN EXPENDITURE

The expenditure for the next year is estimated to be in excess of the current year's expenditure by Rs. 24,76,000. The main items of increase are due to expenses of general elections amounting to Rs. 10,48,000 which are due to be held on the basis of adult franchise in February 1945 and increased expenditure on Primary Education amounting to Rs. 4,83,000 (the total expenditure being Rs. 48,00,000), on Grain Compensation Allowance amounting to Rs. 3,50,000, on water works amounting to Rs. 2,52,000 on medical relief and education amounting to Rs. 2,27,000 on public health amounting to Rs. 1,78,000 and on roads, sewers, drains and mechanical amounting to Rs. 2,00,000. The increase in expenditure on water works, street cleansing, conservancy, roads, sewers and transport is due to the heavy increase in the cost of maintenance due to the rise in the high cost of materials. The increase in expenditure on medical relief is due to the high cost of diets, medicines and drugs, and to the opening of two new wards at the K.E.M. Hospital to relieve the pressure on the accommodation in the existing wards. The increase in expenditure on public health is due mainly to the free supply of milk to undernourished and needy children in Municipal schools.

There is a decrease of Rs. 5,05,000 in the expenditure on measures for Civil Defence owing to the improvement in the war situation.

The programme for loan works has been restricted to completion of works are already in progress and to such new works as are absolutely necessary in the interest of health and sanitation of the City. It is proposed to raise a loan of Rs. 28,50.000 during the next year.

NO FURTHER TAXATION

Although the Budget Estimates cover the period of the 5th/6th year of the war and the liabilities on account of grain compensation allowance and for the maintenance of essential services have considerably increased owing to a heavy rise in the prices of commodities since the outbreak of hostilities, it is remarkable that without resorting to further taxation it has been possible to make a provision for free supply of milk to undernourished and needy children in municipal schools, for extension of medical relief, for special repairs to municipal buildings which are in a bad condition, for improvement of gardens and play-grounds and for construction of public conveniences. At the same time the increasing strain to which some of the essential services such as conservancy, refuse disposal, water supply, roads and sewerage have been subjected owing to the difficulties of getting necessary materials and of replacing worn-out equipment, is causing great anxiety. The situation has moreover been aggravated by the phenomenal increase in population, which apart from taxing these services further has intensified the problem of overcrowding. It is therefore apprehended that unless adequate measures are taken in time to relieve the strain on these services, their efficiency is likely to be seriously impaired with disastrous results to the health of the City

BUDGET R (IMPROVEMENT TRUST)

The revenue for the year 1944-45 is estimated at Rs. 95,40,000 while the expenditure is estimated at Rs. 1,01,44,000. The deficit of Rs. 6,04,000 is proposed to be met from the opening balance of Rs. 87,29,000 of the Capital Account. There is an increase in land revenue owing to leasing of large areas, while the expenditure has decreased on account of the reduced expenditure on measures for Civil Defence. The difficulties of getting materials have prevented the Corporation from undertaking improvement activities on any large scale, yet provision has been made for the construction of roads, sewers and drains which are urgently required for filling in lowlying lands and for construction of S. P. rooms at Naigaum and Gowari Wadala.

LAHORE ADVOCATE SET AT LIBERTY

High Court Accepts "Habeas Corpus" Petition

LAHORE, Nov. 5.

A full bench of the Lahore High Court consisting of the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Muhammad Munir delivered judgment to-day accepting the 'habeas corpus' petition for the release of Mr. Durga Dass Khanna, advocate of Lahore High Court who was being detained under Rule 26 of the D.I.R.

Their Lordships held that the order for detention of Mr. Durga Das was not proper inasmuch as it was not proved that the Governor of the Punjab had considered the case personally. Their Lordships directed that Mr. Durga Dass be set at liberty.—A.P

Ex-Minister Of Assam Transferred To Gauhati

GAUHATI (Assam), Nov. 5.

Mr. Gopinath Bardoloi, former Prime Minister of Assam, who had been detained in the Jorhat Jail where he had been suffering from eye trouble, was transferred to Gauhati for treatment.—United Press.

SEVERAL DETENUS RELEASED

(From Our Correspondent.)

ALLAHABAD, Nov. 5.

Several Congressmen have been released in the past two days from Naini Central Jail as a result of scrutiny of their cases. They were detained under Rule 26 D.I.R.

NEWSPRINT PRICES

NEW DELHI, Nov. 5.

It has been decided by the Government of India to fix the following as the maximum prices for the sale of newsprint in the country, says a Press Note:—

	Price per lb. Rs. As. Ps.
(A) FOR NEWSPRINT IN REELS:—	
(1) At a Customs Port	0 6 0
(2) At Any Other Place	0 6 6
(B) FOR NEWSPRINT IN SHEETS:—	
(1) AT A Customs Port	0 7 6
(2) At Any Other Place	0 8 0

Editors' Conference Next Session

NEW DELHI, Nov. 5.

The Standing Committee of the All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference has decided to hold the annual session in Madras on December 20 and 21.—United Press.

Two Months' Wages As Bonus For Bombay Mill Workers

BOMBAY, Nov. 5.

The Millowners Association, Bombay, have sanctioned bonus equivalent to two months' wages to the operatives employed in cotton mills in Bombay.

The bonus will, as in the last year, be paid in two instalments, and the conditions governing this grant will be the same as before except that permanent workers who were retrenched before the end of the year would also be entitled to receive the bonus if they had put in not less than 75 days' work in the calendar year 1943.

It is estimated the cost of the bonus will be a little over one and quarter crores of rupees.—A. P.

INDIAN SUGAR MILLS' QUOTA

CALCUTTA, Nov. 5: The Indian Sugar Mills' Association have collected Rs. 1,11,788 for the relief of famine stricken people of Bengal and elsewhere. Out of this amount Rs. 50,000 has been contributed by the Indian Sugar Syndicate Ltd., Cawnpore and the balance of Rs. 61,788 has been received direct from the various sugar factories in India.

The Committee of the Association have decided to open two free kitchens outside Calcutta to feed 2,000 persons daily at each centre. The Committee also intend to open shortly a free kitchen in Orissa to feed 2,000 persons daily and to contribute Rs. 15,000 to the all Bengal Flood and Famine Relief Committee.—A. P.

NEW DELHI, Nov. 5: A meeting of the Standing Finance Committee of the Central Legislature will be held on November 20.—United Press.

TÊTE-À-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

"We shall be analyzing the agreements made at Moscow all the rest of our lives. To-day is a day for rejoicing. In less than a fortnight, Secretary of State Hull, Foreign Secretary Eden and Foreign Commissar Molotov have changed the world....Make no mistake about it. This is not merely a new agreement. This is a new world....At Moscow in these past 12 days we have made our destiny and made it right."

—A New York Paper.

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The Indian Food debate in the Commons has brought out one welcome fact at least: Mr. Amery is making progress, in fact, global progress.

He has now discovered that the food crisis which has afflicted India is threatening to engulf the whole world in the immediate future.

So that you may now assume that the appetite of the entire humanity, and not of Indians alone, is increasing inordinately. And you ought to thank Mr. Amery.

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And another welcome feature of the debate was the touchingly reminiscent truthfulness of Sir John Anderson.

Winding up the debate, Sir John, speaking of his Governorship of Bengal, could "truthfully say they were among the happiest years of my life and certainly the most interesting."

They certainly must have been. They provided Anderson full opportunity to live and function in his elements.

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"The country and the people of India take a grip of one", added Sir John Anderson, "that is a universal experience of those who have lived and worked in India".

And that is also the universal misfortune of the country and the people of India for 150 years.

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"We never seem", Sir John said further to emphasise his point, "to lose interest in what is happening in that great country".

How could "we"? After all so many of "us" and so much of "ours" depend—yes, quite right.

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And before we take leave of Sir John—formally, of course, for actually it is impossible since India has taken a grip of Anderson and his compatriots—here is another item from his illuminating indulgence in truth: "India is a poor country, mainly of small agriculturists spread over a vast area with a very primitive social and economic structure".

We really thank Sir John Anderson.

But—how about allowing poor India to loosen her "grip on one"?

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The Newspaper Editors' Committee has rescinded its earlier decision to associate itself with the Publicity Advisory Committee.

But let not Sir Sultan Ahmad be downhearted.

There is the invaluable all purposes Defence of India Rules to compel Editors to reconsider their revised decisions. And there is also the very helpful and ever-willing Sir John Maxwell.

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In the opinion of Dr. Syed Abdul Latif of Hyderabad "the time is now ripe for the Muslim League to reorientate its policy, else the "status quo" will continue, bringing good to nobody".

Does the Doctor want another proclamation by the Qaid-e-Azam that he, we mean of course the Doctor, is a busybody from Hyderabad given to landing suddenly at unexpected and objectionable places?

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Teacher (in geography lesson): "Now can anybody tell me where we find mangoes."

Little Boy: "Yes, miss, wherever woman goes."

SINO-JAP CLASH IN NORTH BURMA

NEW DELHI, Nov. 5.

Continued small engagements between advance elements of American trained Chinese troops and the enemy were reported from Northern Burma, says a "communique' issued from General Stilwell's Headquarters in India.

In some cases casualties on both sides were relatively heavy and fighting continues.

The Chinese are advancing to protect the supply road being constructed by American and Chinese engineering troops from Assam to the Burma Road.—A. P.

Canada's Offer To India

NEW DELHI, Nov. 5.

Subject to availability of shipping, the Government of Canada have offered to give the Government of India upto 1,00,000 tons of Canadian wheat as contribution to alleviate the famine conditions, says a Press Note United Press.

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REGISTRATION OF NEW RATION CARDS

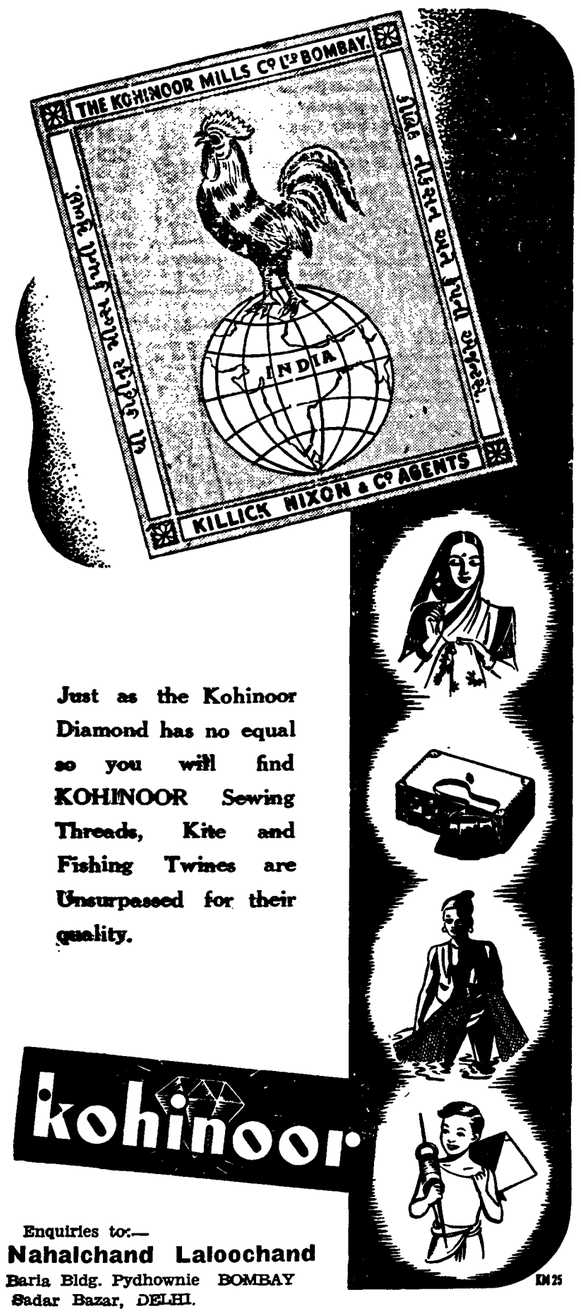
November 7 to November 13 is the last week during which the family cards will be valid. When you go to draw your ration for this week, take the new cards with you and get them registered with your shop-keeper and also hand in your old cards to him. Those who have not yet received their new cards may register them later.

If the individual ration cards of all members of the household are not received, those that have been received may be registered but in this case the family card should not be surrendered. The family card should be handed in to the distributor when the individual ration cards of the remaining members are registered subsequently.

Registration means that the holder signs the card and the shop-keeper writes his name and address on the card, tears the counterfoil and retains it. In the case of minors, guardians should sign the cards and thumb impressions should be given in the case of illiterate persons.

The new cards must be registered in the first instance at the same shop where the family card was registered. Change of shop-keeper will be allowed later for good reasons.

The new cards will come into force from November 14 and will be valid for the next 48 weeks from November 14 onwards. Rations will not be given on the family cards after that date. So please don't fail to register your new cards.



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CITY MARKETS

Bombay, Nov. 5.

SHARES: The local Share Bazar was quietly steady with scattered selective buying. At present the market is grinding around existing level without any indication of a big price movement. Resumption of cotton business has diverted attention to that market and general trading remains uninteresting with mostly inter-Bazar trading among members. Tata Steel Dfd. Snares were quoted at Rs 1,912-8 and Ordinary Shares were placed at Rs. 396. Bombay Dyeings were done at Rs. 1,942 and Century Shares were quoted at Rs. 952. Kohinoors stood at Rs. 631. Associated Cements were steady at Rs. 219-8. Tone was steady.

Towards the close the market was steady. Nagpur Shares xd were quoted at Rs. 468 and Dyeings were placed at Rs. 1,957, while Century stood at Rs. 953 and Kohinoors at Rs. 634.

TEXTILE: Ahd. Advance 512-8 Apollo 5-10 Bharat Mills 85-12 Bom Dyeing 1956-4, Cent. India xd 468, Century 953, Colaba 245 Dawn 1630, E.D. Ordy 20-4 do Defd 4, Edward Sassoon 742-8, Elphinstone 90, Finlay 336, Gokak 346. Hindustan 4,100, Ind. Bleaching 235, Indore Malwa 1185, Ind. Manfg 4100, Khatau xd 442-8, Kohinoor 632, Laksmi 1725, Madhowji 28-12, Minerva 225, Model Nagpur 351-4, Madhusudan 551-4 Meyer Sassoon 220, Morarji 800, Mysore xd 290, New City 415, New Great 428, Phoenix 705, Podar Mills 391-4, Sassoon Spg. 30-12, do Silk 100-6, Sholapur 8700, Shri Nivas 407-8, Simplex 286-8, Swadeshi 587, Swan 305-8; Tata Mills 75-8, Vishnu 2660, Western India 3435.

INSURANCE SEC.: Bom. Life 207, Empire Life 806-4, Oriental 6035, Indust. & Prudent. 38, Ind. Mercantile 92, Jupiter 28, New India 78-8, Vulcan 17-10.

HYDRO & ELEC. SECTIONS: Ahmedabad Elec. 192-14, Ajmere Elec 14-4, And. Valley Ord. xd 1840, Bom. Suburban 197-8, Bom. Tram Ord. xd 158, Broach 13-10, Karachi 261-4, Poona 300-4, Surat 195-4, do New Rs. 50/Pd. 70, Tata Hydro Ord. xd. 200 Tata Power Ord. 1840.

BANK SECTION: Baroda Bank 135-8, Bank of India 197, Central Bank xd. 82, Imperial Bank F.P. 1890, do P.P. 465, Reserve Bank 128-8, Union Bank 9-, Habib Bank 86-8.

MISC. GROUP: Alembic Chem. 341-4 Alcock Ashdown 570, Asso. Cement 219-12, B.B. Petrol 3-2, Bom. Burma Old 426-4, do New 153-12, Bom. Steamer 670, Belapur 253, Invest. Trust 61-12, Prem Const. 190, Port Canning 105, Radio Ord. 501-4, do Defd 481-4, Scindia 37-6, Shivrajpur 73-8, Tata Ordy. 396-8, Tata Defd. 1917-8, Tata Chem. 33, Tata Oil 80, Wimco 320, B. I.C. 6-9-1/2, Burma Corp. 3-14, Ind. Copper 2-8-1/2 do Iron 36-2. Steel Corp. 27-3, New Vict. Ord 9-1-1/2.

GOVT. SECURITIES: 2-3/4 1948-52 Loan 99-11, 3-1/2 per cent G.P. Note 97-8, 3 per cent 1946 Def. Loan 102-5 3 per cent 1949-52 do 100-10, 3 per cent 1951-54 loan 100-2 3 per cent 1953-65 Loan 98-2, 4-1/2 per cent 1955-60 Loan 115-8, 3-1/2 per cent 1947-50 Loan 103-7, 4 per cent 1960-70 Loan 111-13, 3 per cent 1953-63 Def. 100-11-4.

CORP. Debentures: 4 per cent B P T 1974 113, 4 per cent M. Deb. 1974 113, 5 per cent do 1959 121, 6 per cent do 1954 130-2, 6 per cent K P T 1956 134.

TAXFREE LOANS: 5 per cent 1945-55 Loan 106-5 4 per cent Mysore 1953-63 123, 5 per cent Mysore 1955 134.

BULLION: Yesterday London Gold was unchanged at £8-8-0. Dollar Sterling Cross Rate was 4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/8 at London and 4.03 3/4 at New York. London Spot and Forward Silver quotations were unchanged at 23 1/2d. and New York Spot Silver was quoted at 44 3/4 cents. The local market was fairly steady with a restricted turnover and quotations fluctuated within a narrow range. There were no sales of Gold from the Bank and the market was inclined to await developments. It is said that Bears are making attempts to depress prices but in the absence of offering from special quarters the market is keeping steady around present levels Gold opened at Rs. 77-14 and after declining to Rs. 77-10 steadied at Rs. 77-12, Silver was quoted at Rs. 120-10. Tone was steady.

The market was very steady. Closing quotations were: Ready gold Rs. 78-4, delivery Rs. 77/15, Sovereigns Rs. 53/8. Ready Silver Rs. 122, delivery Rs. 120/14.

COTTON: The local Cotton Market was quietly steady with a restricted turnover and prices fluctuated within a narrow range. January delivery opened at Rs. 455 and advanced to Rs. 456-8 on scattered buying. Later there was some professional selling and prices declined to Rs. 454-8 and steadied at Rs. 455.

In the afternoon there was active buying by Marwari Shroffs and January rose to Rs. 469 and the market was feverish. At this level there was scattered realising and the market declined to Rs. 461, closing quotations at 6 p.m. were as under:

	Rs.	a.	p.
I.C.C. Jan.	462	12	0
„ Mar	465	12	0
„ May	470	12	0

COTTON PARITY: I. C. C January is below New York January 217 cent points at Exchange Rate 331.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, Nov. 4.

December 19.79+18, January 19.74+16, March 19.58+18, May 19.34+24, July 19.18+28, October 18.98+18. Spot 20.52+08.

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay, Nov. 4

I. C. C. January high 456-8, low 447, close 455-8, I. C. C. March high 459, low 450, close 458-8, I. C. C. May high 464, low 455, close 463-8.

LONDON WHEAT

LONDON, Nov. 4.

Wheat Rosario Santa Fe (New Crop) 30/4-1/2 Nov/Dec quoted; Australian, (Bulk) 31 Nov/Dec. quoted; Wheat Australian (Bags) 33/6 Nov/Dec quoted.

ACTIVE SHARES AT A GLANCE

Tata Steel Dfd. (1908/12) 1912/8, 17/8 11/4 17/8 16/4 17/8; T.S. Ord (395/8) 396 96/8 95 97 96 96/85 Dyeing (1927/8) 1935 33/12 41/4 33/12 45 42/4 43/12 56/4; Century (946) 950 48 55 48 52 49 51 50 53; Kohinoor (627) 628 32 28 32 30 32; Swadesh (584) 585 86 84 86/8 87; Nagpur (481/8) xd 467 66 68 66/8 68 67/8 68; Simplex (281) 282 281 80/8; New Great (430/8) 429 27 28; Gokak (344) 345 46 44 45 46, Cement (218-8) 219 18/8 20 19/12.

MONEY MARKET

BOMBAY, November 5.

LONDON:
Banks buying 90 days/st. 1/6 9/32
1 & 2 months.
Banks buying 90 days/st. 1/6 5/16
3 & 4 months
B. C. RATES:
Banks selling T T 1/5 31/32 D D
1/5 31/32.
Banks buying T T 1/6 1/32 D D
1/6 5/32.
LDN./NEW YORK:
Banks selling T T Rs. 332-3/4 D D
Rs. 332-3/4.
Banks buying T T Rs. 329-1/2 D D
Rs. 326-1/2.
LDN./MONTREAL:
Banks selling T T Rs. 302-1/2 D D
Rs. 302-1/2
Banks buying T T Rs. 297-3/4 D D
Rs. 294-3/4.
Tone of Sterling Exchange: Steady, dull.
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.
Money: Call, one and two months 1/4 per cent.
3 to 5 months 1/2 per cent. 6 to 9 months 3/4 per cent.
10 to 11 months 1 per cent and 12 months 1 1/4 per cent.
Tone: Easy.

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA

An Account pursuant to the RESERVE BANK OF INDIA ACT, 1934, for the week ended the 29th day of October 1943.

ISSUE DEPARTMENT
LIABILITIES

Notes held in the Banking Department Rs. 8,95,70,000. Notes in circulation Rs. 782,08,95,000. Total Notes issued Rs. 791,04,65,000.

ASSETS

A. Gold Coin and Bullion:—(a) Held in India Rs. 44,41,43,000. Sterling Securities Rs. 874,83,96,000, Total of A Rs. 719,25,39,000. B. Rupee Coin Rs. 13,46,66,000 Government of India Rupee Securities Rs. 58,32,60,000, Total Rs. 791,04,65,000.

Ratio of Total of A to Liabilities: 90.924 per cent

IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA

Statement of the Affairs of the IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA on the 29th October 1943.

LIABILITIES

CAPITAL:—Rs. 5,62,50,000, Reserve Fund Rs. 5,75,00,000, Fixed Deposit. Savings Bank, Current and other Accounts Rs. 197,72,81,000, Sundries Rs. 1,34,81,000, Total Rs 210,45,12,000.

ASSETS

INVESTMENTS:—Government Securities Rs. 124,90,71,000. Other Authorised Investments Rs. 2,59,56,000.

ADVANCES:—Loans Rs. 12,93,55,000. Cash Credits and Overdrafts Rs. 21,37,-30,000, Bills Discounted and Purchased Rs. 2,29,29,000, Dead Stock Rs. 1,72,-29,000, Sundries Rs. 1,05,40,000.

CASH:—In hand and with the Reserve Bank of India Rs. 41,95,13,000. Balances with other Banks Rs. 1,61,-89,000. Total Rs. 210,45,12,000

POSITION OF SCHEDULED BANKS

Statement of the Position of Scheduled Banks as at the close of business on the 29th October.

Demand Liabilities in India 467,32,-36,000; Time Liabilities in India 138,-71,02,000.

Cash in India:
(a) Currency Notes of the Government of India and Bank Notes 17,99,-97,000; (ii) Rupee Coin 1,61,94,000; (iii) Subsidiary Coin 28,44,000; Balances with Reserve Bank 70,37,81,000; Advances in India 154,28,28,000; Bills discounted in India 4,83,66,000.

BANK OF ENGLAND RETURNS

LONDON, Nov. 4.

Total Bullion £1,975,000; Public Deposits £6,100,000; (a) Other Deposits £205,300,000; Government Securities £163,300,000; (b) Other Securities £17,900,000; Notes, gold and silver coin £46,900,000; Notes in circulation £1,005,000,000; Ratio of Reserve to Liabilities 22.18 per cent. (A) Other deposits include Bankers £152,600,000; (B) Other securities include Discount and Advances £1,000,000; Total Deposits £211,600,000; Total Securities £181,200,000.

Women Must Rally For Famine Relief

BOMBAY, Friday.

The first annual conference of Mahila Sangh, Parel, was held to-day at the Damodar Thakersey Hall, Mrs. Malati Bedeker presiding.

Lady Rama Rao inaugurating the conference said that there was a great necessity for women to organise themselves, for the present conditions of famine, had made self-reliance on the part of women a paramount need.

She said that every woman's organisation in India should strive its utmost for helping to relieve the famine conditions of the people.

A resolution to the effect that Hindu Muslim unity and the release of the Congress leaders alone could solve the problems of India's defence as well as the ending of the famines in Bengal and other provinces, was passed.

The Conference passed the following resolution:

The threat of Japanese invasion that faces our people particularly concerns the honour and self-respect of our women and the lives of our children. It is the women and children that have suffered most under the Japanese Fascists in China and elsewhere. It is, therefore, essential that our women throughout the land should in this situation, be organised and trained for defending themselves from the consequences of Japanese invasion. With this in view, this Conference calls upon every branch of the A.I.W.C. to form Volunteer Corps and to train them to work: (a) for relief in distressed areas; (b) for proper and equitable distribution of food supplies; (c) for nursing and aiding the people in the areas affected by epidemics; (d) for civil defence; (e) and for special training of women in general for self-defence.

Resolutions regarding maternity benefits for women, support to Rao Committee's recommendations in the Central Assembly, and congratulating the women of Russia and China were also passed.

The Half-Column
By "Dim"

Apart from contributions that can be made in money for Bengal relief, there is the one very important way of helping Bengal by refraining from eating rice, when you can afford to eat other foodgrains and other food. For example, although I am aware that out of Tata Charities, a handsome donation has been made to Bengal, I cannot help feeling that there is no need for the Taj, a Tata concern, to serve rice in this hotel. It may be said that the rice consumed is negligible. So is the quantity in every average Indian home. But collectively if we were to save on these lines the amount would be appreciable. Moreover, I cannot help feeling that the Taj would be applauded for taking such a lead. It could go further and give its stock of rice for Bengal relief. Other hotels and institutions could follow. The Railways, for instance, who serve rice in its Refreshment rooms and Restaurant cars could do likewise. Above all the individual would begin to think on these lines, which would have been something

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Mr. Pethwick Lawrence said: I would suggest to the War Cabinet that the result of the famine in India may be equivalent to a military defeat." Yes, Mr. Lawrence, and you can't turn it into victory merely with a "V" sign from the National War Front.

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In Talyarkhan's article in the "Sentinel" of yesterday about the opening of the Bombay racing season, Talyarkhan says: "..... GEORGE of Gwalior is a hundred percenter when it comes to things Indian...." Talyarkhan told us about GEORGE asking him how he liked Yeshwant as a name and how GEORGE liked it when Talyarkhan said "it was typically Maharashtrian". All that is fine and I'm sure it is in the Shivaji tradition. But can Talyarkhan tell me how a Maharashtrian can be called GEORGE, and what would Shivaji and Steve say?

Hapur Quotations

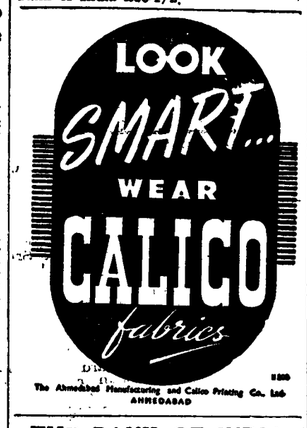
HAPUR, Nov. 5.

Wheat fine 12/12; Average 12/4; Gram 10; Barley 7/10; Maize 7/10; Bajra 7/10; Guvar 6/4; Peas 9/12; Gur old 12; New 10/8; Kapas 13/4; Cotton bales 27; Urad Maha 11/11/6; Guvar Posh 6/10/10; Bardana Magsar 60; Grains unsteady. Forward markets very steady on profit covering purchase.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, Nov. 4.

Rupee Paper 3-1/2 per cent £29-1/2 Consols 2-1/2 per cent £79-7/8; Conversion Loan 3-1/2 per cent 1961 £104-15/16; War Loan 3-1/2 per cent £103-1/8; Funding Loan 4 per cent 1960/90 £113-5/16; Victory Bonds 4 per cent £113 3/8 Chartered Bank of I.A. & China £9-15/16, Hongkong & Shanghai Bank (London Reg.) £79; National Bank of India £36-1/2.



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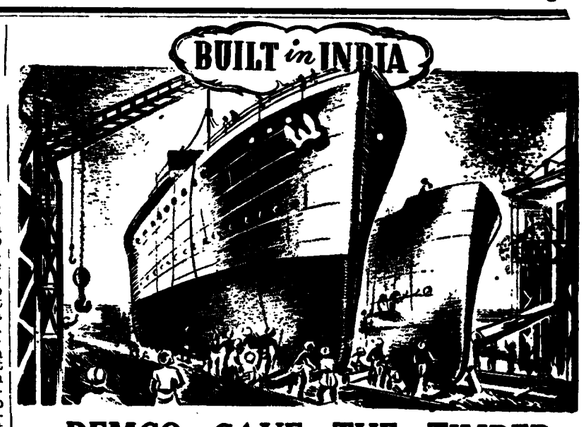

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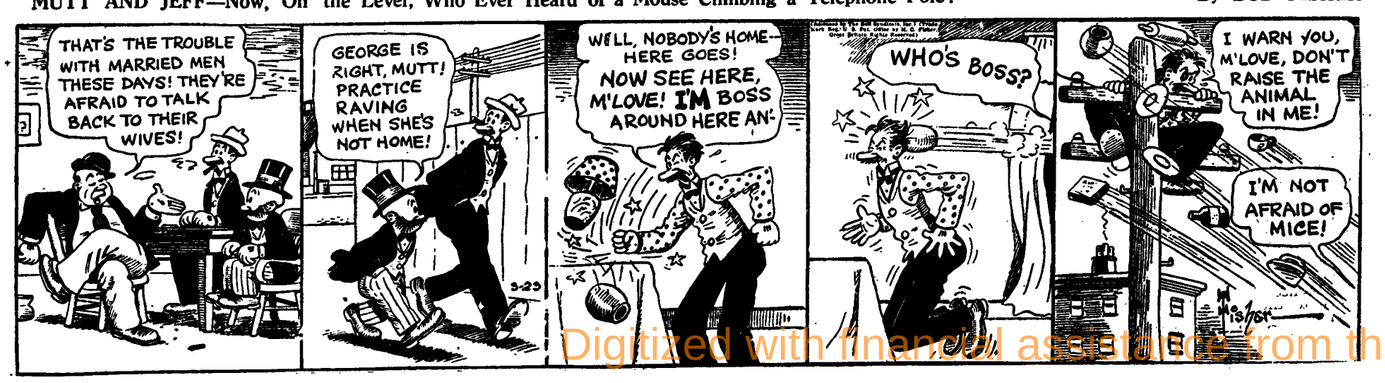
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Ahmedabad Municipal School Board.
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By Order of
The Board of Directors,
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6692

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R. C. MASTER,
Controller of Stores.
Mazagon, Bombay 10.
4th October, 1943. 6437

LEGAL NOTICES

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a Public Auction held at the Office of the Commissioner for Taking Accounts High Court, Bombay, in Suit No. 470 of 1943 (O. S.) (Rabiabai widow of Haji Ali Mahomed Haji Sumar and others vs. The Advocate-General of Bombay) our client was the highest bidder in respect of the undermentioned property and was declared the purchaser thereof. All persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Yusuf Building, Churchgate Street, Fort, Bombay within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY.

ALL that piece or parcel of land or ground of the Foras tenure (now redeemed) situate at Elphinstone Road without the Fort, and in the registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 752 square yards or thereabouts registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Old No. 66, New No. 11953, New Survey No. 5 and 4A/1936 and Cadastral Survey No. 1127, Lower Parel Division together with the dwelling house all buildings and structures standing thereon assessed by the Bombay Municipality under G Ward No. 3455(1) and Street No. 1919 and bounded, on the East by the property of Miakhan Kikabhai, on the West by the property of Ramdas Mills, on the North by the property of Ramdas Mills and on the South by the said Elphinstone Road.

Dated this 2nd day of November, 1943.

NAGINDAS HOOSEINALLY & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
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HIMATLAL MOHANLAL SHAH,
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Dated this 6th day of November, 1943.

KOTHARE & CO.,
Attorneys for the Purchasers. 6693

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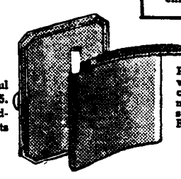

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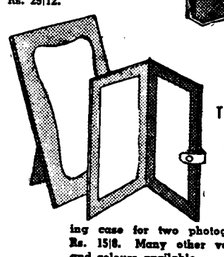

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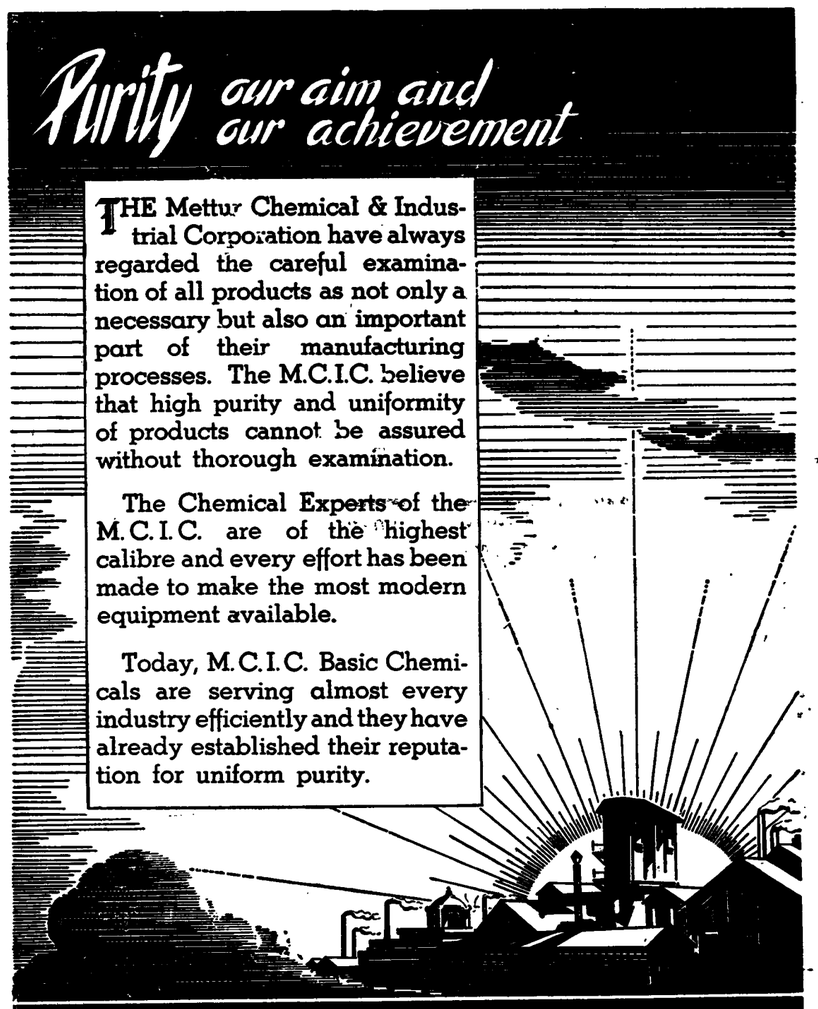

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